

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BELGRA 02440 211626Z

61

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20

USIA-15 NIC-01 OMB-01 DRC-01 /103 W

----- 107487

R 211548Z MAY 74

FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9397

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMCONSUL ZAGREB

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BELGRADE 2440

EO: 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT PFOR YO

SUBJECT: TITO INTERVIEW IN KOMUNIST

1. SUMMARY. IN A WIDE-RANGING AND FRANT INTERVIEW WITH CHARACTER OF MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN MAY 20 ISSUE OF PARY ORGAN KOMUNIST, TITO DISCUSSED STATE OF LCY ON EVE OF TENTH CONGRESS, AND NEED FOR ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES TO EQUIP PARTY FOR NEW ROLE IN POLITICAL STRUCTURE. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SELF-MANAGEMENT WILL BE A PANACEA FOR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE WARNED OF CONTINUING PARTY ROLE IN DETERMINING ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF CULTURAL EXPRESSION AND SUPERVISING INFORMATION MEDIA. TITO REITERATED THEORY OF SEPARATE ROADS TO SOCIALISM AND PLEDGED THAT LCY WILL MAINTAIN ACTIVE RELATIONS WITH VARIETY OF PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS IN FACE OF OPPOSITION FROM "MANY PEOPLE". IN INTERNATIONAL SPHERE, HE DESCRIBED PARTICIPATION OF NONALIGNED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN RESOLVING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AS ESSENTIAL. HE CHARACTERIZED RESISTANCE TO SOCIALISM AS FEATURE OF COLD WAR. END SUMMARY.

2. TITO PRONOUNCED LCY IN GENERALLY GOOD SHAPE ON EVE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BELGRA 02440 211626Z

OF TENTH CONGRESS WHICH CONVENES IN BELGRADE MAY 27.

ALTHOUGH POCKETS OF FACTIONALISM REMAIN, HE SAID PAST OPPONENTS TO PARTY POLICY WERE QUICKLY ELIMINATED IN "HUMANE AND DEMOCRATIC WAY" WITHOUT MAJOR DISTURBANCE, CREATING "BASIC UNITY" MANIFESTED AT REPUBLICAN PARTY CONGRESSES. IN LOOKING TO FUTURE OF LCY, TITO URGED LOWERING OF RESTRICTIONS FOR ADMITTING MORE YOUNG MEMBERS, WHO HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN TURNED DOWN FOR LACK OF MATURITY AND IDEOLOGICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

3. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, TITO SAID THAT DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM WILL REMAIN BASIS FOR IMPLEMENTING PARTY POLICIES. OTHERWISE, HE SAID THAT LCY WILL ENTER CONGRESS WITH CONSIDERABLY CHANGED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES TO ENABLE IT TO ASSUME NEW OBLIGATIONS IN DIRECTING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. PARTY, AND PARTICULARLY SOCIALIST ALLIANCE AND CTUY, WILL ENSURE "PROPER FUNCTIONING OF SYSTEM OF DELEGATES". HE ADDED THAT STATE ORGANS MUST ALSO INCREASE EFFICIENCY BECAUSE POLICIES ARE STILL BEING CARRIED OUT TOO SLOWLY AND INEFFECTIVELY.

4. IN CIVIL-LIBERTARIAN NOTE, TITO SAID HE GETS "VERY ANGRY" WHEN HE HEARS THAT CITIZENS ARE DEPRIVED OF RIGHTS AND HE CONDEMNED BUREAUCRATIC APATHY TOWARD THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. HE CHARGED LCY AND SOCIALIST ALLIANCE WITH TASK OF PREVENTING SUCH OCCURRENCES, NOTING THAT THE STATE EXISTS TO SERVE CITIZENS, NOT VICE VERSA. ELSEWHERE IN INTERVIEW, HOWEVER, TITO CRITICIZED PARTY FOR FAILING TO MAINTAIN MARXIST ORIENTATION IN CULTURAL EXPRESSION. AND ALTHOUGH HE WAS "MORE SATISFIED" WITH THE INFORMATION MEDIA THAN TWO YEARS AGO, HE SAID PRESS STILL HAS REMNANTS OF SENSATIONALISM, PASSIVITY AND TOO MUCH OBJECTIVITY. HE EXPRESSED LCY INTEREST IN PROMOTING ONLY THOSE JOURNALISTS WHO SHOW CLEAR SOCIALIST COMMITMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.

5. IN ECONOMIC SPHERE, TITO SAW IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-MANAGEMENT MEANS OF INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY, RAISING LIVING STANDARDS, COORDINATING PRODUCTION AND TRADE, STRENGTHENING YUGOSLAVIA'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POSITION AND COORDINATING INTERNAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 BELGRA 02440 211626Z

REJECTED TRADITIONAL COMMUNIST CONCEPT OF UNIFORM PAY SCALES AS NOT IN INTERESTS OF WORKING CLASS. INSTEAD, HE CHARGED LCY WITH TASK OF ENSURING IMPLEMENTATION OF PREFERRED PRINCIPLE OF REWARDING OUTPUT.

6. TO QUESTION ON WORLD SITUATION, TITO REPLIED THAT SOCIALISM HAS BECOME UNIVERSAL MEANS OF DEVELOPING BUT EXPRESSED IN DIFFERENT FORMS ACCORDING TO CONDITIONS IN

INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, AND HE SPOKE OF EVERY COUNTRY'S "INALIEN-
ABLE RIGHT" TO ITS OWN PATH TO SOCIALISM. HE CHARACTERIZED
RESISTANCE TO SOCIALISM AS SURVIVING FEATURE OF COLD WAR:
THREATS TO INDEPENDENCE, INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
SABER-RATTLING, USE OF FORCE, AND "EVEN ESTABLISHED
BORDERS ARE QUESTIONED". ALTHOUGH IMPERIALIST CIRCLES
ARE NOT RECONCILED TO COMMON DESIRE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ON BASIS OF POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC EQUALITY, TITO OBSERVED THAT IT IS INCREASINGLY
EVIDENT THAT IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS CANNOT BE
DECIDED WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF NONALIGNED AND LDC'S.

7. LCY'S POLICY, SAID TITO, IS TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH
VARIETY OF PARTIES AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN MANY
COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH "IT IS EVIDENT THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS
DISLIKE BY MANY PEOPLE". AS A RESULT, LIES ARE BEING
SPREAD ABOUT YUGOSLAV DISUNITY AND INSTABILITY. BUT HE
SAID YUGOSLAVIA WILL NOT CHANGE ITS COURSE ALTHOUGH IT
WILL BE MILITARILY VIGILANT.

8. COMMENT: TITO'S REMARKS WILL BE VIEWED AS CURTAIN-
RAISER FOR KEYNOTE ADDRESS HE WILL DELIVER AT OPENING OF
TENTH CONGRESS. FOLLOWING PATTERY OF MAJOR POLICY
STATEMENT, TITO HAD MESSAGE FOR NEARLY EVERYONE. HE
CONDEMNED IMPERIALISTS FOR RESISTING DEVELOPMENT OF
SOCIALISM AND FOR REFUSING TO ACCEPT THIRD WORLD EFFORTS
TO REORDER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STRUCTURES.
BUT HIS POINTED EMPHASIS OF YUGOSLAV SUPPORT FOR SEPARATE-
ROADS-TO-SOCIALISM, TO DISLIKE OF "MANY PEOPLE" (READ
SOVIETS), WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SURPRISINGLY STRONG ACCUSATIONS
ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF OPPONENTS THAT REQUIRE MAINTENANCE OF
MILITARY VIGILANCE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 BELGRA 02440 211626Z

9. TITO MADE NO BONES ABOUT PARTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN
CONTROLLING COMPLEX DELEGATE SYSTEM, OR ITS INTENTION TO
KEEP MEDIA AND CULTURAL EXPRESSION ON SHORT TETHER.
ALTHOUGH HE DIAGNOSED PARTY IN GOOD HEALTH FOR CONGRESS,
HE EMPHASIZED THAT PARTY CAN DEAL WITH OPPONENTS AS IT
HAS IN PAST. IN PRESSING FOR INCREASED ADMISSION OF
YOUTH TO PARTY, TITO MAY BE DIRECTING PARTY INTO ROLE
OF MORE DYNAMIC INSTITUTION AS BALANCE TO GOVERNMENT,
PARTICULARLY SFRY, DOMINATED BY VENERABLE LEADERS WHOSE
TASK IS TO PRESERVE AND PERPETUATE. TOON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL PARTIES, PRESS CONFERENCES, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 MAY 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GarlanWA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BELGRA02440
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740126-0839
From: BELGRADE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740532/aaaabpx.tel
Line Count: 164
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GarlanWA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 JUN 2002 by elyme>; APPROVED <26 FEB 2003 by GarlanWA>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TITO INTERVIEW IN KOMUNIST
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, YO, KOMUNIST, (TITO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005